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## House of Representatives

The House met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
December 27, 2011.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANDY HARRIS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Reverend Avelino Gonzalez, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Dear Lord, God of history, and our Father:

Culture is that particular form of human endeavor in which mankind elevates to the state of excellence the four dimensions of his personal life: his relationship with his neighbor, with his environment, with himself, and with his transcendent Creator. In doing so, mankind forms the essential values that define not just a nation, but civilization.

Inspire us today, O Lord, through Your Holy Spirit, the men and women that serve this Nation in this House of Representatives, that they may recognize and promote the most noble and authentic of human values. Give this governing body the proper vision of the human person so that all the deliberations today, and always, may elevate the culture of this great Nation and inspire its citizens to moral excellence. We ask this in Your most holy and eternal name.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution 493, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, December 23, 2011.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 23, 2011 at 11:16 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H.R. 3765.

Appointment:

The United States-China Economic Security Review Commission.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by the Speaker on Friday, December 23, 2011:

H.R. 3765, to extend the payroll tax holiday, unemployment compensation, Medicare physician payment, provide for the consideration of the Keystone XL pipeline, and for other purposes.

### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 3765. An act to extend the payroll tax holiday, unemployment compensation, Medicare physician payment, provide for the consideration of the Keystone XL pipeline, and for other purposes.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 493, the House stands adjourned until 1 p.m. on Friday, December 30, 2011.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until Friday, December 30, 2011, at 1 p.m.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of Rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4407. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting Pursuant to Section 27(f) of the Arms Export Control Act and Section 1(f) of Executive Order 11958, Transmittal No. 16-11 informing of an intent to sign a Memorandum of Understanding Among Australia, Canada, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4408. A letter from the Acting Auditor, Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting copy of the report entitled "District of Columbia Agencies' Compliance with Fiscal Year 2010 Small Business Enterprise Expenditure Goals", pursuant to D.C. Code section 47-117(d); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4409. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and

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